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Strike vote:

■ High school
teachers'
union isn't
happy with
negotiations

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Unless contract negotiations improve quickly between high school teachers and the area's school board, students could find themselves having an extended summer break.

The union representing 450 local secondary school teachers has called a strike vote for Aug. 12, fearing the Trillium Lakelands School Board is positioning itself to make "unilateral changes" to existing contracts.

It's expected a large majority of the District 15 Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation membership would support strike action, should negotiations break down.

"I think the history in this area is that the membership tends to support the union," said Peter Carroll, bargaining unit president for OSSTF District 15.

In dozens of other boards across the province teachers have voted overwhelmingly to take the same step.

The area's new school board is trying to create a single collective bargaining agreement for high school teachers to replace the three that have been in place since January when the former boards in Haliburton County, Muskoka and Victoria County were amalgamated.

But the teachers' union has criticized the board's negotiation tactics, maintaining the

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On your mark, get set...

One of the favourite traditions of summer is the annual regatta, a time for families and neighbours to come together in a spirit of fun. At Kushog Lake's picnic at the Frost Centre, these kids race to find their shoes in one of the games for kids. More photos on page 10.

Tenders for two healthcare expansions come in on target

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The county's health services board was dealt "no surprises" by construction companies vying to carry out extensive upgrades at Haliburton Hospital and Hyland Crest, says its executive director.

The board's estimate of roughly \$19 million for the renovations and expansion work should be accurate, based on bids submitted by four firms.

At a special meeting on Thursday, members of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board opened tenders for the long-awaited overhaul.

The bidding was remarkably competitive, given the scale and cost of the projects.

"The amazing thing is the low bid is within \$13,000 of where we estimated," said HHHS executive director Foster Loucks. "... Essentially, they're bang on. You couldn't get much closer than that."

Markham-based Bradscot (MCL) Ltd. submitted the low-

est bid at \$16.08-million, plus GST. (The board receives an 83 per cent rebate on the total GST it pays).

Michael Monteith Enterprises Ltd. of Orillia bid \$16.36-million, Bondfield Construction Company Ltd. bid \$16.53-million and M. Sullivan and Son Ltd. submitted the highest bid at \$17.37-million.

Two other construction companies which had pre-qualified for the projects didn't submit bids.

The low bidder's projected construction cost, plus architect's fees incurred by the board and additional expenses for things such as replacement

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Study finds teens outside of Toronto tend to use more drugs

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Parents who think teenagers in the Highlands face fewer temptations when it comes to drug use aren't going to like the findings of a recent Addictions Research Foundation study.

The Ontario Student Drug Use Survey reveals that at least twice as many high school students who live outside of Toronto used six types of

drugs compared to their Toronto counterparts.

For instance, of the 1,000 Toronto teens questioned, 3.2% had taken LSD at least once in 1997, but 8.7% of the 3,000 teens polled from outside of Toronto had used the drug.

Other drugs used more frequently by teens who live outside Toronto are cannabis, hallucinogens, stimulants, methamphetamine and seda-

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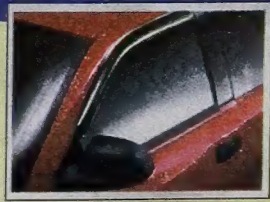
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Fire ban lifted, but daytime burning rules still in place

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news and events worth noting

ALTHOUGH THE FIRE BAN has been lifted in Haliburton County, that doesn't mean all the rules about daytime burning are no longer in existence. Dysart's fire department has already received phone calls about people burning during the day (brush, etc.) Daytime burning is not allowed at any time unless you get a special permit. You can only burn half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunrise. The fire cannot be left unsupervised and you must have water nearby in case things get out of control.

One of the unsung heroes in our community is often the local Legion. Many people don't realize how many good works the organization does, in large ways and small. A recent Haliburton Legion Br. 129 newsletter points out some interesting statistics for Zone 4, which encompassing 13 branches, including Haliburton, Minden and Kinmount. The branches spend a combined \$263,000 in taxes, \$548,304 in wages and \$291,658 on community service programs, including those for youths and seniors. Volunteers put in 9,311 of free labour and have helped make Legion facilities available 2,514 times in a year.

Supplies, purchased locally, totaled \$1,187,287. None of these figures include those funds raised during the annual poppy and Remembrance campaign for veterans and healthcare needs. As President David Stirrett says, "if you hear someone putting down the Legion, give them a gentle reminder of how much the Legion provides for their community." Hear, hear.

The upcoming artist demonstrations in The Village Court in downtown Haliburton are Maggie Longworth doing wicker work on Aug. 5, Carlos Acero showing tile work on August 10, and weaver Wendy Bateman and painter Stephen Wiggin on August 12.

The Buckhorn Wildlife Art Festival returns August 14 to 16 and will feature more than 100 professional artists in a park-like setting. Highlights include family night on the Friday and Saturday night starting at 5 p.m. so you can introduce your kids to the world of art (children are free), an amateur art contest, carving contest, mini theatre and interest displays. Call 705-657-1918 for more information or e-mail buckhorn@ptbo.igs.net

Two men charged with growing 4,000 marijuana plants in Stanhope

On July 15, members of the combined Drug Unit for Central Region and Minden OPP Detachment executed a search warrant at a property in Stanhope Township. Approximately 4,000 marijuana plants were seized.

Also recovered was a stolen vehicle. A 40-year-old man from Norland and a 41-year-old man from Willow Beach, Ont., have been charged with drug, property and firearms offences.

The Echo 457-1037



A CHANCE AT FAME:

Julia Snell agrees with her friends that it's "pretty cool" that CTV has asked her to shoot a short video documentary about her home town, Minden. Her video will air on August 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Minden girl gets shot at being videographer

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

Ten-year-old Julie Snell is about to make a guest appearance on one of her favourite TV shows.

The Grade 6 student at Archie Stouffer Elementary School was asked by the popular children's program "Master Control" to submit a short video documenting the things she likes best about her home town — Minden.

Producers of the hour-long show, which airs on CTV Saturday mornings at 10:30, asked Julie to shoot the video after she sent them a picture she drew of Winnie the Pooh in the spring.

Julie's mom, Cathy, who took the phone call, thought it was one of her daughter's friends playing a prank.

But it turned out the program wanted Julie to film a three- or four-minute video

for its weekly segment where children from across the country show viewers where they live.

Julie was thrilled when she heard the news about three weeks ago.

"It's exciting that I'm going to be on TV."

Julie and her mom have already filmed most of the video, highlighting Minden's museum, the Gull River as it winds through the village and at the white water preserve, Pike's Peak, the big Minden sign on Highway 35, Julie's grandparents' home on Lake Kashagawigamog and a favourite place of many kids and adults across the county, Kawartha Dairy.

In one scene in the video, Julie's brother Mark takes a leap into the Gull River from a tree.

Julie said her friends are impressed about her TV debut. "They think it's pretty cool."

Watch for Julie's video during the first part of Master Control on CTV on Aug. 15, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

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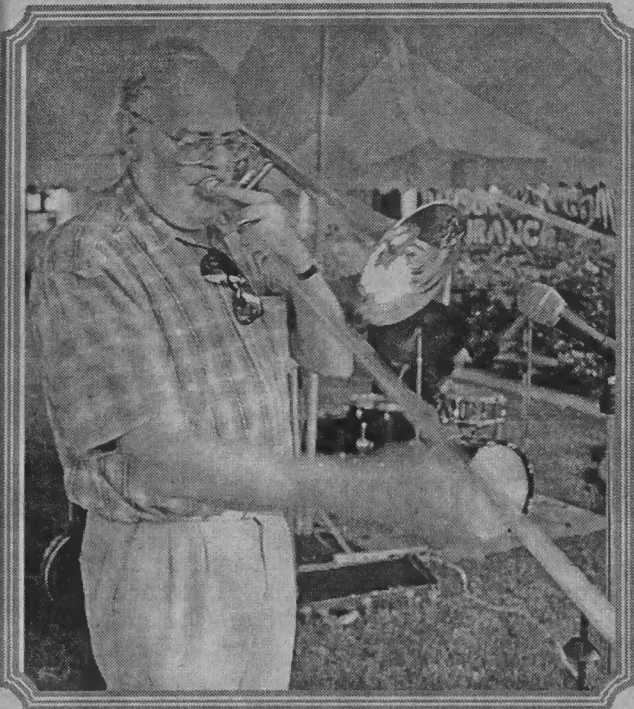
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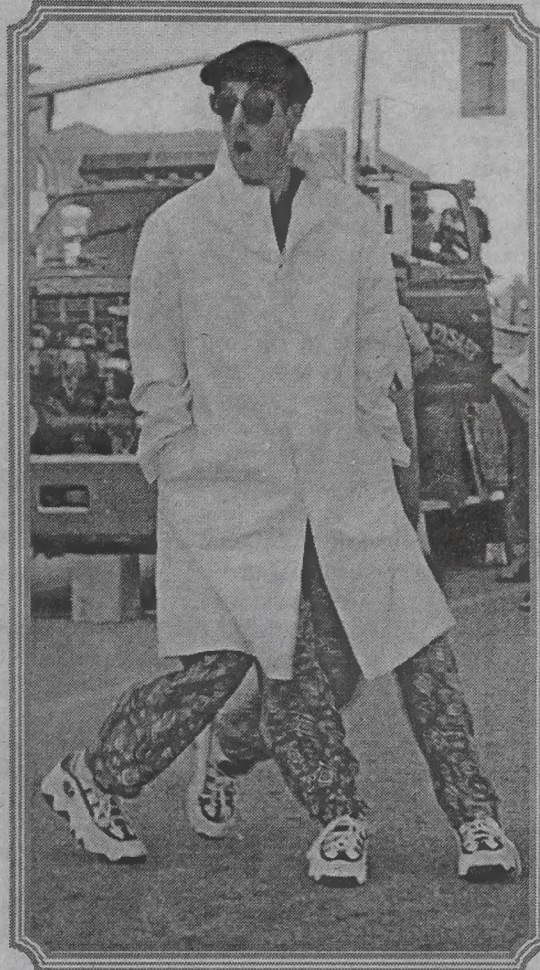
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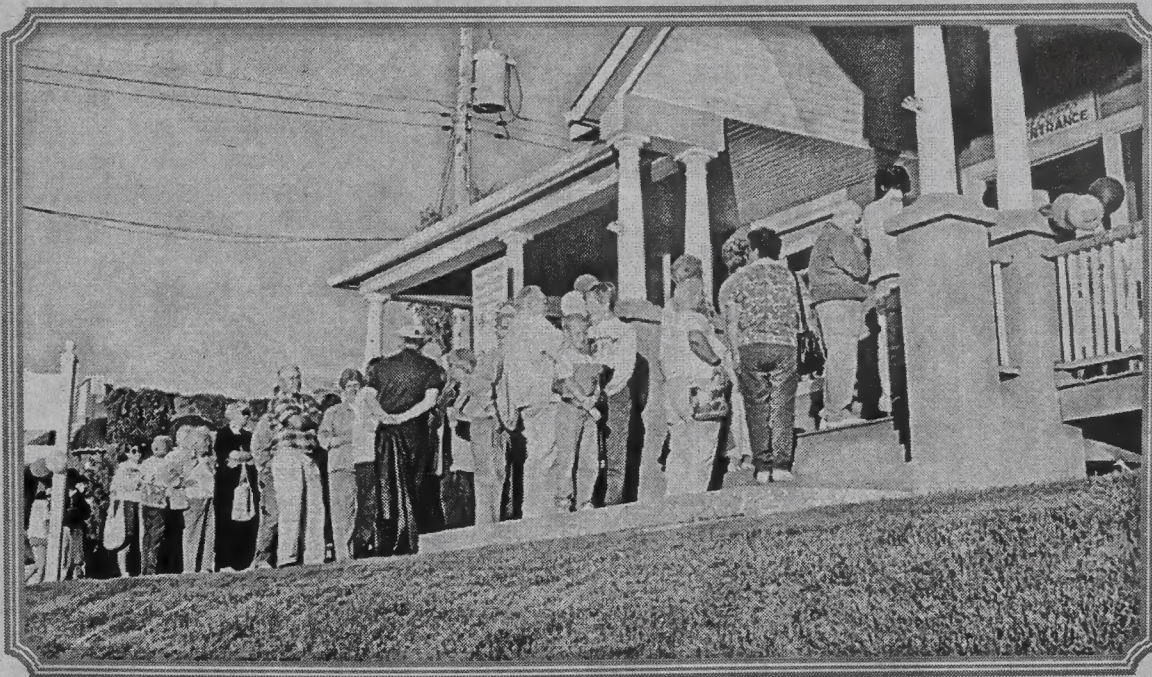


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MARTHA PERKINS



MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Haliburton's main street had a festive atmosphere on Friday night when downtown merchants celebrated the annual rite of summer. Clockwise from top left: The Botsford Street Ramblers' jazz, courtesy of the Echo, was as popular as ever; Tina Costeloe's and Tiffany Howe's hair bands lit up the night sky; Max T. Oz amazed children and adults alike with his fun magic act; Jim Winn goes for a swim in the dunk tank; it was worth the line-up at the Echo for a good subscription deal; and V & S took its madness to the streets, matching the savings to be found indoors.



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Drug use survey results worrisome

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tives.

Students from outside of Toronto are also more likely to drink and smoke, although the difference between the two groups is not as wide.

The only drug which shows a significantly higher percentage of use among Toronto teens is solvents.

There is little difference between the two groups in the use of ecstasy, cocaine, glue and heroin. (For precise comparisons, see below.)

Fay Martin, executive director of Family Services of Haliburton County, says the ARF study, done every two years, has an excellent reputation for methodology and is likely an accurate portrayal of drug use.

"I'd think this is very good data," she said Friday, the day after the study was released.

But why are kids outside of Toronto using more drugs?

"The boredom factor probably has something to do with it," Martin says. "There's more down time here, there's probably less supervision and there

are a lot of places where you can go and no one will see you."

She says local teenagers are also saying there's a lot more peer pressure to do drugs than there used to be. Before, they say, you could go to a party and decline any offers of drugs and still be accepted. "Now there's much less permission to say no," she says.

These comments have led Family Services to believe "we should be paying more attention than we do."

Family Services is planning on introducing some preventative programs in the fall, starting with smoking but leading to discussions on such things as drug and alcohol abuse and unprotected sex.

Parents should also be getting more involved by talking with their children, and not just when they are in high school. Statistics show that experimentation begins in earnest in Grades 7, 8 and 9.

Most parents find it difficult to talk to their kids about drug use. Not only can it be emotionally exhausting, Martin says, but some feel nothing they say

will prevent their children from experimenting, that it's a teenaged rite of passage.

"I think we make a mistake if we let teenagers go their own way, even though they might be prickly as pears (when approached)," Martin says. Too often "we cut them loose because we can't get up the energy to struggle."

The following are the results of the study which indicate why the struggle is needed. The first figure is for Toronto students, the second is for students outside of Toronto.

Significant Differences
Cannabis: 19.3%; 26.3%.
Hallucinogens: 4.9%; 11.3%.
Stimulants: 3.3%; 7.3%.
LSD: 3.2%; 8.7%.
Methamphetamine: 2.1%; 4.0%.
Sedatives: 1.0%; 2.9%.
Solvents: 4.3%; 2.1%.
No Significant Differences
Alcohol: 52.4%; 61.4%.
Tobacco: 24.8%; 28.3%.
Ecstasy: 3.0%; 3.1%.
Cocaine: 2.7%; 2.6%.
Glue: 2.3%; 1.3%.
Heroin: 1.6%; 1.8%.
PCP: 0.9%; 2.3%.



An exciting step forward:

Architect Millet Salter and Hugh Nichol, chairman of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board, open the tenders for the hospital projects while executive director Foster Loucks and board member Ted Wilkes look on.

Ministry approval next step

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equipment round up the total tab for the work to an estimated \$19-million.

The board's architect is reviewing the low bidder's tender to ensure it's complete. Provided it includes all the upgrade work the board has ordered, board members intend to accept the bid at a special meeting on Thursday.

However, it could still take a couple of weeks before the shovels are in the ground.

The Ministry of Health needs to give its seal approval to the board's decision before work at the two health-care facilities can finally begin.

Loucks said the construc-

tion company has given the board its assurance it can begin before the end of the month, if they are given clearance.

The board will be "leaning on the Ministry in every way" to ensure it moves quickly, Loucks said.

"We've already lost more time for construction (this summer) than I would've liked to see."

The projected completion date for renovations and the addition of 30 long-term beds at Haliburton Hospital is Feb. 2000. It should take until April of the same year to rebuild 62 long-term care beds at Hyland Crest and add an emergency wing to replace Minden Hospital.

Three new officers join Minden detachment

Three new police officers will begin duties with the Minden and Coboconk detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police this summer, Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson announced last week.

"The additional officers will assist the OPP in protecting the lives and property of people in our area," Hodgson said. "It is

an important step in boosting enforcement and cutting down in rural crime."

The hiring of the new officers brings the detachment staffing complement to 42, says Minden OPP Staff Sergeant Andy Millar. "The additional staffing levels will enable us to provide the quality policing we are striving to achieve in this area," he said.

Two of the three officers are from Victoria-Haliburton and will already be familiar with the area. Daniel Collings of Haliburton County and Jennifer Crowe-Fiorini from Fenelon Falls join Christopher Henshall as the new officers in Minden.

The officers will be reporting to the Minden OPP detachment to begin duties on August 17.

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Minden levy to increase by 3.4%, primarily because of policing costs

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Minden property owners will see their municipal tax rate climb when they receive their bills next month, primarily because of the steep cost of policing that has been handed down by Queen's Park.

However, the increase would have been far higher if the province hadn't offered the municipality a one-time grant to help absorb the new expense.

The overall levy in Anson, Hindon and Minden — including municipal, county and education taxes — will go up by 3.4 per cent over last year.

The cost of policing, which municipalities took over from the province in January, can be blamed for the majority of the increase, said Minden clerk-treasurer Tammy McKelvey.

Policing costs in the municipality have been pegged at \$524,000 by the province.

Fortunately for Minden taxpayers, the government agreed

to pick up most of the tab this year, leaving the municipality responsible for a net policing cost of \$111,000.

Though Minden's overall levy has gone up by just over three per cent, tax bills for individual property owners will fluctuate greatly under the new Actual Value Assessment system which took effect at the beginning of the year.

Waterfront land owners will take the biggest hit in terms of increases, while other properties will actually see their taxes drop, said McKelvey.

Minden council has set an unofficial tax rate of .99 per cent for Area 3 property owners. The municipality has six assessment areas, each with a different tax rate. Area 3 includes the largest number of land owners and waterfront properties.

The tax rate multiplied by a property's assessment equals the amount of tax the landowner is expected to pay the municipality. For example someone with a \$100,000 cottage in Area

3 would have to pay \$990 in municipal taxes.

Under the new system, 46 per cent of each residential tax dollar goes to the provincial government to pay for education, 31 per cent goes to the municipality and 23 per cent goes to the county. Each commercial tax dollar is divided as follows: 68 per cent goes to the province for education, 19 per cent goes to the municipality and the county takes the remaining 13 per cent.

At a special meeting Thursday, council passed a budget that requires a levy of roughly \$1.2-million.

The budget includes a decrease in spending of 1.7 per cent, or \$58,000, to meet a savings guideline set by the province. The municipality had to make the cuts in order to qualify for funding to help with the many new services it took on this year.

McKelvey said Minden hopes to mail out its tax bills by the middle of the month, with payments due by Sept. 25.



Bobby Curtola, one of Canada's favourite (and most professional) entertainers certainly lived up to his billing at Saturday night's concert at the Minden arena. Four hundred people, primarily cottagers, including Ryan and Linda Howatt of Canning Lake, below, came out to dance, party, and raise money for the hospital projects.

BOBBY CURTOLA, LIVE IN MINDEN!



New report cards give more accurate assessment

DIANNE CHOMA
Staff Reporter

Standardized report cards mean more work for teachers, but a better assessment of student achievement, says a Trillium Lakelands School Board official.

Dale Robinson, superintendent of curriculum and schools, said the standardized report cards that will be handed out across the province this year will take teachers three times as long to fill out, but will be more accurate and objective than the old reports.

The new report cards evaluate students in Grades 1 to 8 by four levels of achievement that are standardized for each grade.

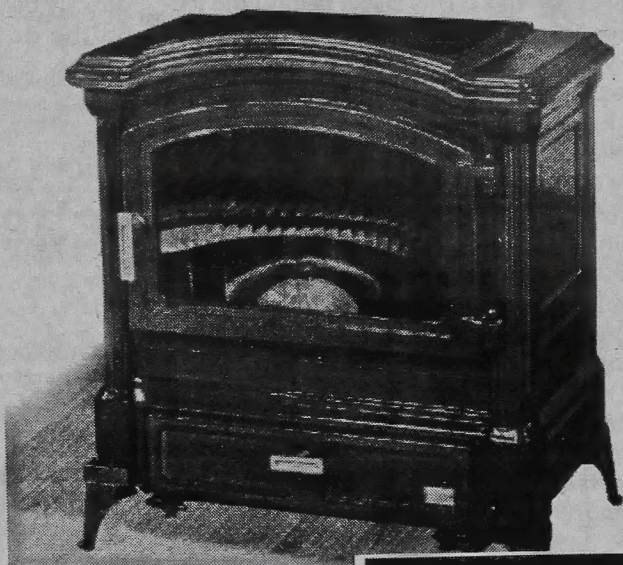
They provide more space for written comments, and will be handed out three times a year instead of twice, which means teachers will spend a lot more time gathering information and writing reports than they have done in previous years.

Haliburton County students will not see a change in their reports this year because county schools have already been issuing the new report cards for the past two years as a pilot project.

"The reviews we've heard from parents are generally favorable," Robinson said. "I think what parents like is that the assessment of students is more consistent because it's done to a common set of expectations across Ontario schools."

Robinson said the new report cards are long overdue.

"There was a feeling among parent groups before, that report cards didn't tell them very much. Before, boards wrote their own curriculum under very broad guidelines. These new guidelines are much more specific."



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Youth: an age-old problem

THERE IS A CERTAIN IRONY in the fact that just as more and more people start to use Head Lake Park, its owner is thinking about imposing a curfew to ensure that people are using it for the right reasons.

Faced with repeated repair bills after vandalism to the bandshell and cement flower stands, Dysart et al council is wondering whether a night-time curfew would fix the problem. Council's frustration is justified. While most people take civic pride in public parks and act responsibly, some people don't realize that as members of this public, they cannot simply act according to their own whims. To this latter group, it may seem "fun" to smash in the boards of the bandshell, but their pleasure must be paid for by everyone else, in terms of both the unsightly view and the monetary costs of putting in new boards.

Skateboarding is also having wear and tear on the park. Once again, most skateboarders are responsible,

yet in their constant search for new surfaces to jump or flip over, their sport is causing damage to both public and private facilities. It's not that skateboarding is bad, it's just that it has to be repeated

over and over again to achieve any sort of skill level. (We won't talk about the skateboarders' clothes for fear of sounding as if we've reached a certain age.)

Council is trying to address this latter issue by planning to build skateboard ramps in the park. "Build the ramps and we will come," the skateboarders say, only too happy to have someplace where they can pursue their hobby safely. And by having them congregate in one area, the entire village will benefit since at present, the skateboarders are wearing out their welcome at other properties which have a few metres of paved surface.

But by having skateboarders converge at the park, will council simply be creating open season for further vandalism?

There are definitely two trains of thought. One is that kids have a natural predilection for getting into trouble, and the way to curb that instinct is by imposing lots of rules, i.e. a curfew. But others say that if you close off one outlet where kids can burn off their energy, that energy will simply search for another escape, and who says that second outlet is going to be a healthy choice?

Recent results of the Ontario Student Drug Use Survey indicate that those other options can be dangerous ones. Drug use among teens from outside of Toronto is often much higher than among Toronto teens, even though it's Toronto which has the reputation for being a big, bad city when it comes to choosing a place to raise your kids. Rural teens, who often don't have as many recreational opportunities, seem to be choosing drugs as something to do when they're bored, and they are choosing drugs.

As Fay Martin, executive director of Family Services of Haliburton County, says, we cannot complacently say that experimentation with drugs is simply a teenaged rite of passage which can't be avoided. Kids have to be given other alternatives. And as Greg Shantz, a youth worker with Family Services, says in a letter to the editor this week, some of those alternatives should include greater utilization of the park - in healthy, safe ways.

Recognizing that adolescence can be a pretty awful stage to have to get through in life, young people are probably not any worse than they've always been. Society, however, seems no better equipped to know how to handle its youths other than wishing the problem would simply go away on its own accord.

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Kennisis Lake Regatta fun

by Peter Downs

letters to the editor

Incident at Stanhope tennis court shouldn't have happened

To the Editor:

The "Here, There and Everywhere" column is something that I, and probably most others, read each week and I, for one, have asked you to include information in it. The column in the Tuesday, July 28 edition was a little different from usual with the gentleman describing how his grandson was treated in Stanhope. In most of your writings you have always had both sides of a story or at least the reader was aware that you clarified your information.

I have been a volunteer in Stanhope for more than 20 years and very proud of it. There isn't too much that we don't have here to offer the ratepayers and I guess that is why so many others come to enjoy our facilities. The present and past councils have left us with very little to ask for. At this time, most things are free to anyone with no user fees. This is a great advantage because everyone knows it costs to maintain or replace almost anything. An example is the resurfacing of the tennis courts a few years ago that was more than \$10,000.

Most of us love to live in the area because of the friendliness and courtesy we receive from the small town atmosphere.

Ones using our community centre are responsible for what happens to it while they are there. Still, there is no excuse for what happened.

I don't know if the gentleman you wrote of is a Stanhope taxpayer or not, and this doesn't stop them from coming and enjoying what Stanhope offers and others do not. For him and anyone else who comes to play tennis, etc., there is an outdoor water fountain on the back corner of the township garage, (let the water run a bit and it is quite cool). This is just behind the tennis courts. As well there is a double washroom facility at the far end of the court with running water, an outside tap on that building, a tap on the shelter behind the all-purpose court, (I've even seen kids put their heads under it to cool off). When the library is open there are washroom facilities there with running water, behind the library two outdoor toilets, an outdoor tap on the township office and during office hours there are two fully equipped washrooms just inside the front door of the office.

I end this letter with something we are all hearing this year - the dreaded word - down-loading! Stanhope provides facilities to anyone who would

like to use them. Please, if you're not from Stanhope, count your blessing at this time that you don't have to pay to partake here. Who knows when down-loading will force Stanhope to provide for residents and taxpayers only and ask for user fees for all others?

Darlene Johnson,
Stanhope

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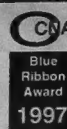


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The swimmer

THE LAKE BOTH DREW and repelled Matt. He was sitting on the end of his dock in the early morning mist. The sun was a gauzy glow in front of him and he tried not to stare at it too long for fear of hurting his eyes. But it was almost hypnotizing. The rising sun's light was caught on the distant surface of the water like bright pastel dragged across grainy paper. It was a magical place; a magical time. At that moment Matt was in love with life, with all things that breathed and pulsed and flowed.

He knew the water would feel cold at first but only for a moment. It was the initial slap of intrusion that now repelled him. What drew him in was the memory of water on bare skin and of moving through the soft glowing world before him now. He'd better hurry though, because warm summer mornings brought others besides himself to the water and he wanted no audience to his skinny dipping.

The robe was dropped at the edge of the dock for easy retrieval and catching his breath, Matt stepped into the lake. His toes came to life, gripping the smooth rock surfaces as he carefully

made his way from shallow to deeper. It only took a micro-second before he was under, pushing himself off his favourite boulder and into the body of the lake. He dove down, feeling the water skim over his skin like a slippery veil of cool shadows. Opening his eyes under water, he saw almost total darkness. It was still early.

Now his body was comfortable with the lake's temperature and Matt had the sensation that he was warming the water around him.

Perhaps having no barrier

between himself and the watery world made him feel more connected to it. With strong sweeps of his arms, he pulled himself further and further away from shore. He revelled in the freedom of bare body and straining muscles. No one else was here. This was his lake.

Finally, when he could go no further, he turned over and floated on his back, feeling his arms and legs twitch and shudder to a halt. He looked up. The sun had started to warm the air now and the mist was starting to thin. For a few minutes Matt allowed the lake to hold him in the curve of its palm, his arms hanging loosely to the sides, his legs slightly curved downward. He floated.

Then he turned over and like a loon or an otter or a man, he dove forward and down, tucking his head under in a quick jerk as if in a hurry to disappear. Now there were streaks and shapes of lighter grey below the surface when he opened his eyes and swam frog-like back toward the shallower water. He kept going until it felt as though his lungs would burst so that when he broke the surface, his gasp ripped the silence with shocking clarity. Sound travels across water.

Still no one in sight. He could stand now. The bottom was sand here and the water came to just under his arms. For a moment he stopped and let the silence, the shimmer of light and the almost imperceptible movement of the water totally wrap around him. A few curious minnows pushed against his knees and he smiled. Then he heard a motor start up, ever so faintly from the other side of the lake. The fishermen were up. It was time to go make coffee.



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our
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more letters to the editor

Get rid of Head Lake geese

To the Editor:

Last Sunday afternoon, we had occasion to visit the beach at Head Lake. We were shocked and disgusted with the extent of the goose droppings all over the beach. We understand that the water is polluted with Ecoli bacteria, and perhaps other germs.

During a time when Haliburton is requesting suggestions on ways to beautify the area and raise its profile as a great place to vacation, we would think this would be an important area to direct immediate attention.

The Canada goose has gone from being an attraction to a nuisance, and it's time that communities take measures to con-

trol them and eradicate this source of pollution; Head Lake should be protected as a prime waterfront for visitors.

Our understanding is that an easy way to discourage geese is to hire a man and his dog to keep the geese from grazing on parkland. There are many places where these geese can find food and habitat elsewhere in the county!

It is time that Haliburton take steps to eradicate this problem and restore Head Lake to a beautiful waterfront for families in Haliburton and visitors to use without threat to their health.

Doug and Mary Turner,
Stanhope



pic of the past

On Wednesday, some lucky person will be able to drive away from the Haliburton Rotary Carnival in a brand new car, won during the Rotary Club's annual raffle. The car draw has long been a popular facet of the carnival, as this photo from Murray Austin attests. It shows the winners picking up their prize in 1951 or thereabouts. Shown in the photo from left are Hugh Burk, Carl Hussey,

MP Clayt Hodgson, the car winners and Bill Lane, who used to sell the tickets on Haliburton's main street. Our thanks to Mr. Austin, who is Mr. Lane's grandson, and Joe Iles, one of the former owners of Curry Motors for their help in reminding people they just have two more days in which to buy a ticket for this year's prize.

The Wrong Choice

by SARAH WRIGHT

It started out as harmless fun

But really your problems had just begun

You said they relaxed you and made you calm

I could see them there resting in the middle of your palm.

Once you told me they were great!

But they hurt you bad, they made you hate

We barely spoke, we drifted away

You didn't want to listen to what I had to say.

Aggression was the result of them being #1 on your list

Eventually they caused you speak with your fist

Soon after that I begged you to stop

But you ignored my wishes and I watched your life flop.

Deadly illusions, vicious pictures in your brain

Sadly I knew you were no longer sane

I told myself there was

nothing more I could do

But I felt a stab of guilt whenever I looked at you.

Shortly after you became very ill and made me cry

You were almost ready to parish and die

I looked at you blankly staring and helplessly laying there

I screamed aloud that wasn't fair.

A few days later you were lowered into a deep grave

A bit my lower lip and tried my best to be brave

I pictured all the fun times we had had

Suddenly I knew for a very long time I would be very sad.

As you made your journey to heaven I knew

Now you would be up high where the sky is bright blue

I'll carry you now and forever in my heart

And I pray you'll remember me though we are apart.

Sarah is a Grade 9 student in Hamilton and a Koshlong Lake cottager.

Curfew at park won't reduce vandalism

To the Editor:

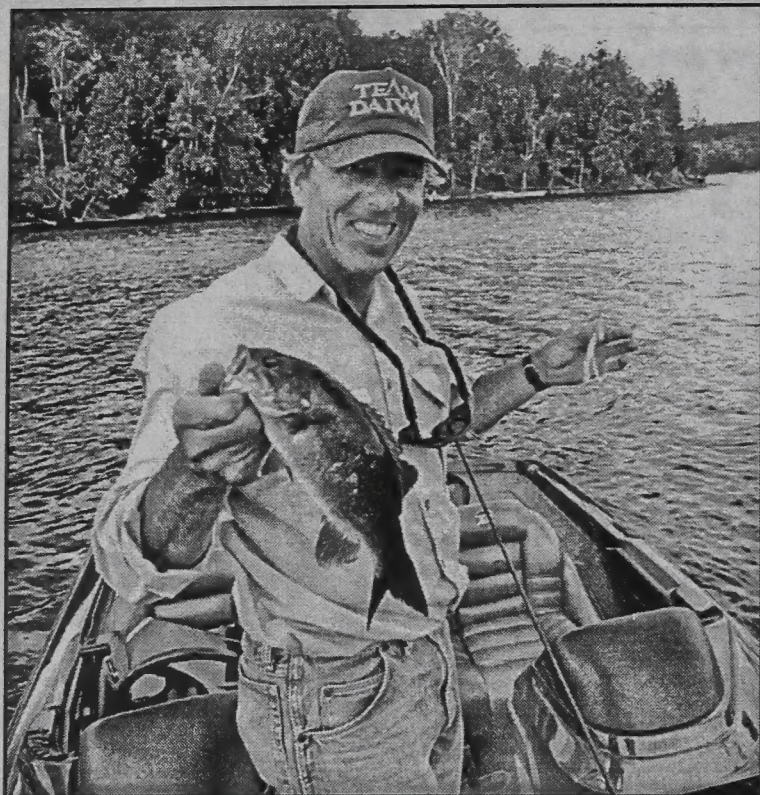
Vandals are in the park! Let's make a law to keep people out of the park after dark!

Laws are the answers to some things - but not vandalism. Vandals work when no one is around - a quiet park could actually increase vandalism. Let's fill up the park with people instead. We could put in a skateboard park, frisbee golf course, summer events and festivals. If there are lots of people in the park, there will be less opportunity for those who wish to wreck it.

Greg Shantz,
Haliburton

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





FISH TALES FROM A PRO: Rocky Crawford, one of Canada's top professional anglers and a Minden native, shares fishing tips with scouts at the Haliburton Scout Reserve last Thursday, at right, and prepares to release one of the many smallmouth bass he caught during his hands-on seminar, at left. Crawford, who cottages on Horseshoe Lake, spends much of his team teaching children about fishing when he isn't competing in tournaments. He also writes a fishing column for Outdoors Canada.

Ski-starved volunteers use summer days to ready trails

Expansion brings Glebe Park loop to 10 kilometres

What would possess anyone to think about winter and skiing during the soft warm months of summer? Beyond the fact that some twisted skiers yearn for an endless winter, many members of the Haliburton Cross Country Ski Club spend significant amounts of volunteer time in the warm months preparing trails for winter use.

This summer brings another expansion of the Glebe Park Trail system, located near the Haliburton County Museum. Last year, club members and friends worked hard to add two kilometers of trail to the system, and the results were impressive. This year the municipality of Dysart has supported the club financially to help expand the recreational trail system at Glebe Park. This system will be 10 kilometers long after this year's expansion, and it is open to hikers and bikers in the summer months, too.

sports & recreation —
nordic notes
— Blake Paton

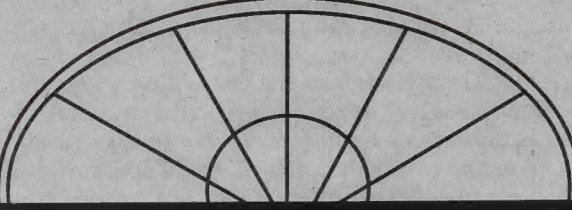
Molson Breweries has generously supported the project by funding the construction of two bridges on the new loop that will be bulldozed August 6th and 7th. The actual bridge construction will take place on August 8th, with a rain date of August 9th.

Volunteers from the community and the ski club are strongly encouraged to help out with the expansion project on any of the 3 dates mentioned above. Last year we learned that the results of the improvements can be dramatically increased by finishing the job with hand tools.

Although the work is sometimes arduous, the results are well worth it, and benefits to community are immense. Please call 457-5177 if you can help with this project.

The new trail system will help the club stage more prestigious races, and it is becoming clear in the ski community that the Glebe Park Facility ranks as one of the best in the province.

Summer hikers and bikers should also know that the trail system is free for summer users. Stop into the Haliburton County Museum and ask the friendly staff for instructions if you don't know how to find the trails or navigate your way around them. While you're there, why not visit the museum and tour the fine exhibits? The museum is located about 2km west of Haliburton on Bayshore Acres Road, just off Highway #118.



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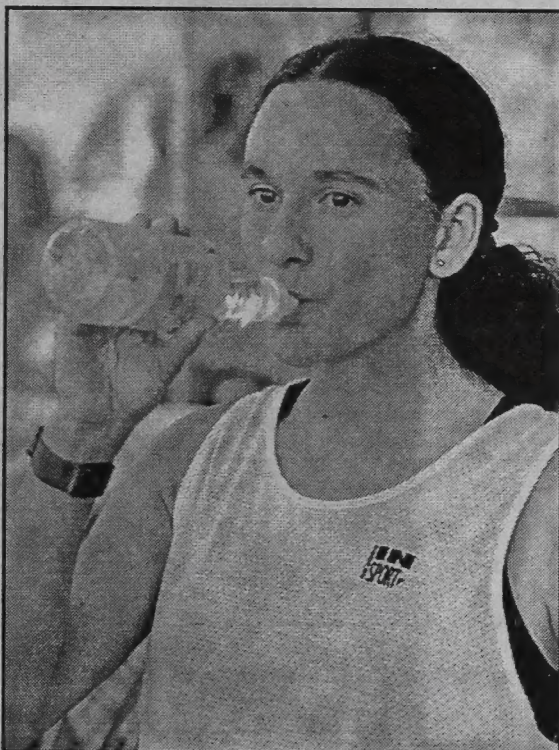
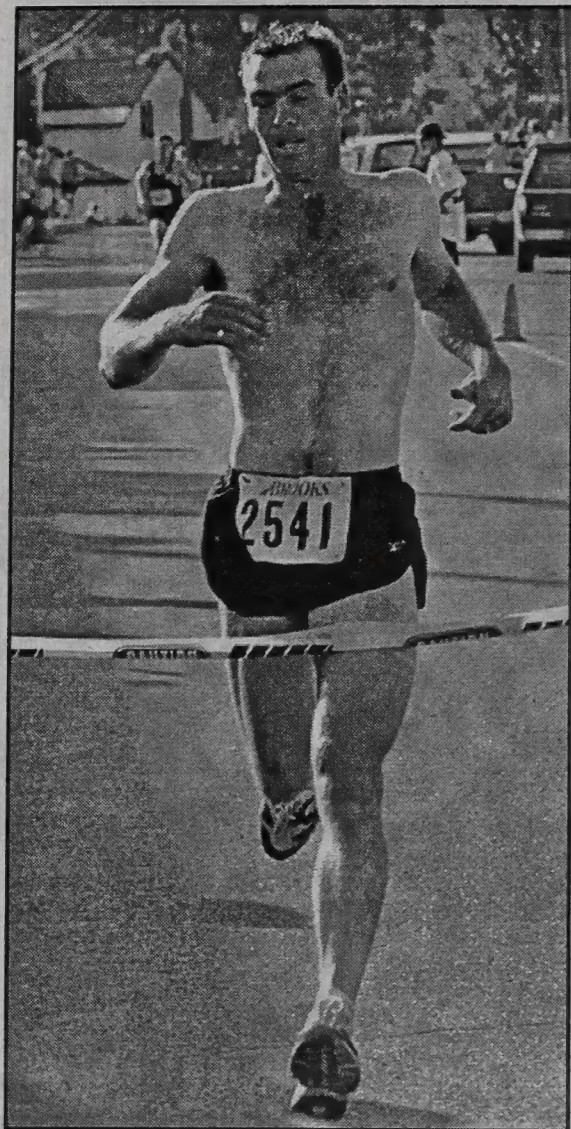
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Minden's Highland Yard gets them off and running

■ More than 550 athletes participate in annual run



Friday evening's Highland Yard Road Race in Minden drew one of its biggest crowds of participants in years.

More than 550 runners competed in the annual race, which stretches 7.4 kilometers from Camp Onondaga to Minden's main street.

The following is a list of top finishers:

Winner: Ken MacAlpine, 24:25.

Top Female: Marta Valentia, 27:29.

12 and Under: Males - Calvin Johnson, 30.13; Ryan Long, 36.58; Alastair Dooley, 37.01. Females - Adela Zonada, 35.01; Maria Teresa-Perez, 43.28; Seana O'Birck, 49.57.

13 to 18 Years: Males - Matthew Ledue, 24.33; Trevor Caldwell, 24.41; Bobby Brodie, 25.48. Females - Anne Cavanagh, 29.11; Andrea Snider, 31.13; Dawn Lynch, 34.47.

19 to 29 Years: Males - Ken MacAlpine, 24.25; Brad Shepherd, 26.17; Paul Leduc, 26.41. Females - Marta Valentia, 27.29; Christine Newman, 31.37; Meredith Walker, 33.38.

30 to 49 Years: Males - Tim Andrew, 24.44; Fred Robbins, 25.27; Derrick White, 25.53. Females - Nancy Morrison, 28.2596; Susan Tovey, 29.39; Jacquie Saider, 30.30.

50 Plus Years: Males - Ray Clifford, 28.4082; Gerry Poffenroth, 28.7771; Wm. P. McCahey, 30.03. Females - Nancy Roxborough, 39.16; Glenna Bayliss, 39.57; Margaret Richardson, 51.55.

Photos by
Peter Downs



Among the hundreds who ran in Friday's Highland Yard Road Race, overall winner Ken MacAlpine crosses the finish line (clockwise from top left); top female winner Marta Valentia cools down after the race; a runner reaches for refreshment; and many of the local runners gather after the race, including (back, from left) Barb Elliot, Ron Reid, Steve Ferrecutti, Norm Bottom, Bob Heyes, John Craig, Matt Heffer, Blake Paton, and Mike Armstrong, with Fingal. Bottom, from left: Toos Reid, Amaia Marcella, Kristi Gammon, Jennifer Paton, Jane Heyes and Janet Bottom

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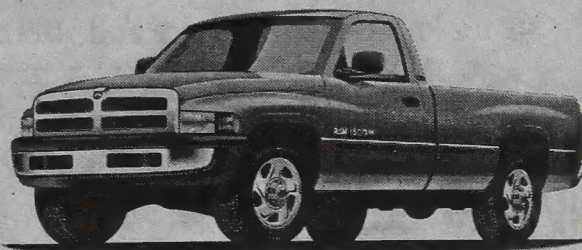
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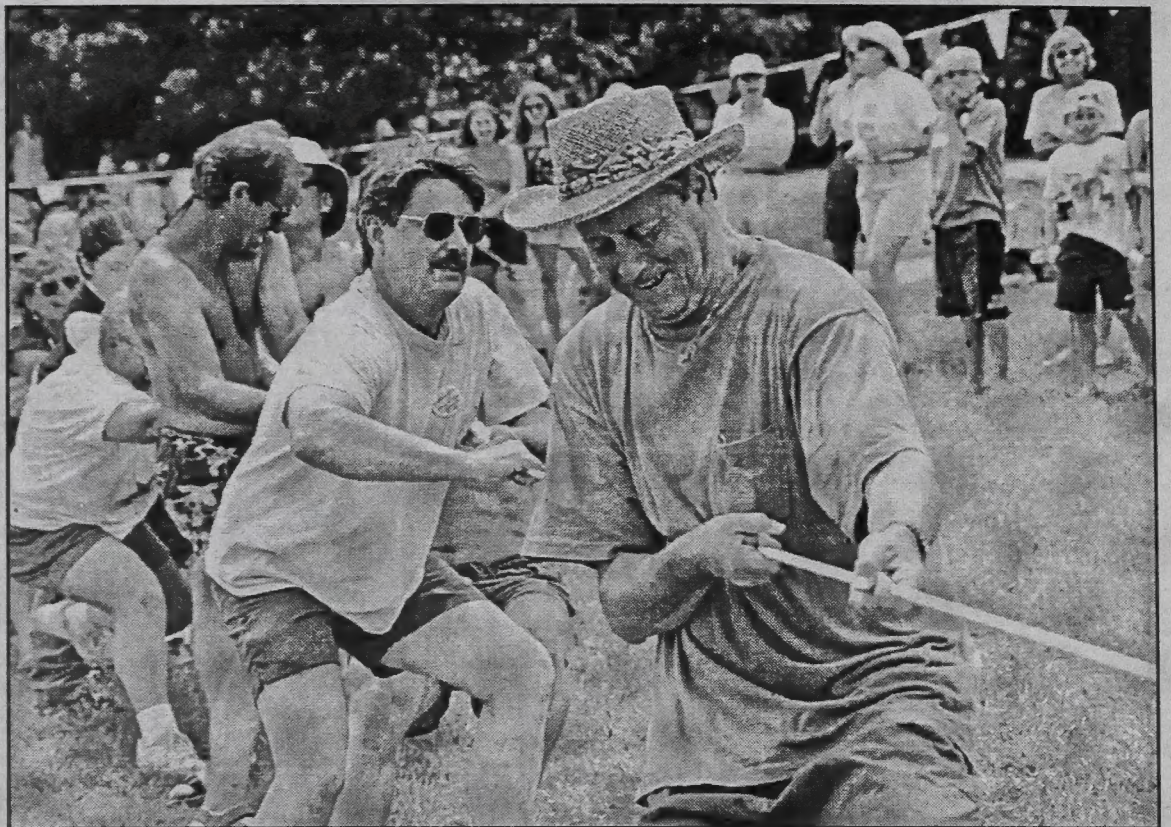
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Kushog Lake celebrated summer at Saturday's regatta with lots of water races, games and other activities for kids and adults. Clockwise from top, left: three-legged racers; the tug-of-war; two-year-old Wyatt Ferren leaps into the water with the help of his mom, Angela Rowden; and Donna Allen presents Chris Macoretta the "Gordie" award in memory of her late husband, Gordon Allen. Macoretta accepted the award on behalf of west-side winners in the children's tug-of-war.

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Minden council backs Bat Lake motor ban

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Anson, Hindon and Minden council's meeting on July 23. Deputy-reeve Jerry Rome chaired the meeting in the absence of reeve Jeanne Anthon.

Bat Lake property owners are one step closer to seeing gas-powered motor boats banned from their tiny lake.

Minden council voted unanimously in favour of the ban. Now the lake association needs to get final approval from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

But already one of the few property owners who argued against the ban is vowing to appeal the ruling.

"I will appeal this. It's my

right. I'll come here with my lawyer," said Angelo Delfavero, who uses an aluminum fishing boat with a six horsepower motor on the lake.

Delfavero asked council to consider limiting the size of gas-powered motors to a maximum of 6 horsepower, rather than imposing an all-out ban.

"I don't know why we have to take away a lousy six horsepower. It's nothing," he said.

But councillors backed the majority of the lake's property owners who asked that only boats with electric motors be permitted.

There are only about 17 property owners who actively cottage at the small lake and all but three of them called for the ban.

Bill Douglas told councillors prohibiting the use of gas-powered motors on the lake would

make it more difficult for him to sell his 300-acre property.

"I own the biggest piece of land on Bat Lake and I'm trying to sell it," he said. "I think this would be a great detriment to my sale."

But another property owner at the meeting argued the ban would help Douglas sell the property because many people want to be on lakes without motor boats and personal watercraft.

Tim Koivusalo, a cottager on Bat Lake for 30 years, said the water quality of the lake is even more sensitive than that of Basshaunt Lake, another nearby lake where gas-powered motor boats are prohibited.

Because only bass can be caught in Bat Lake and they are generally caught still fishing, Koivusalo argued there's no

need for anyone to need a motor boat for fishing.

"We ask council to save this one tiny little lake in the Highlands from invasion by motor boats and jetskis," he said.

Council's recommendation for a ban on gas-powered motors on Bat Lake will be forwarded to the MNR for its final approval, said deputy-reeve Jerry Rome.

Auditor's report

Auditor Gary Thurston told councillors the municipality's financial books are in good order with healthy reserves and a decreasing rate of taxes in arrears.

The municipality's taxes receivable in 1997 were at 13.9 per cent, or roughly \$707,000, a

decrease from 1996 when they were at 14.5 per cent, or \$738,000.

That's the lowest level of tax arrears Minden has experienced in nearly decade since 1989, said Thurston.

"It's been dropping the past three years. We like to think it's because of a slightly recovering economy. It's hard to say," he said.

Thurston said the municipality's decision to use a portion of its reserves to pay down debentures has paid off with decreased interest payments.

Deck, patio changes

Council will consider a zoning change at its next meeting to allow waterfront property owners to build uncovered decks, patios and stairs on a portion of their front setbacks.

The bylaw amendment would permit the structures to project up to three metres into the setback, provided they are no closer than 15 metres from the high-water mark and no higher than 1.8 metres from the finished grade.

Gary Burch, representing the Haliburton County Homebuilders' Association, was the only person to attend a public meeting on the proposed change prior to the regular council meeting.

Burch said he was glad to see Minden considering the changes, but questioned why council is thinking of setting a height limit.

Councillor Daryl Moore said many other municipalities follow the same restriction to prevent decks and stairways from blocking sight lines of neighbouring property owners.

Council will vote on the amendment at its August 13 meeting.

Funding squeeze jeopardizes CAP site program

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

Local organizers say they might have to pull the plug on free computer time if private sponsors are not found soon for the county's Computer Access Program.

The \$19,700 Industry Canada provided to partially fund Haliburton County's six CAP sites will run out in October.

Organizers will have to find alternative sources of funding if they want to keep the program's phone lines and Internet accounts in service.

Andy Campbell, manager of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, said organizers are looking at find-

ing private sponsors for the program.

He said the program has become a real asset to the county since it began last spring.

"Many people don't have access to a computer. It benefits the residents of Haliburton County because they now have virtually free access to the Information Highway."

Minden Home Hardware recently stepped forward with a \$500 donation that will keep the lines running for another three months.

Without additional funding, however, the assets of the CAP program might begin to disappear as early as the fall.

David Reid, Industry Canada manager of Ontario's Computer

Access Program, said additional government funding is not likely at this time.

"There is, in each application for funding, a requirement for communities to identify how they might become sustainable in the longer term simply because they know the funding only lasts for 12 to 18 months."

Funding for the program has been an important issue at recent CAP meetings.

Steve Longworth, co-chair of the CAP Committee, said although the program needs as little as \$1,500 a year to operate, organizers have not had much luck finding private sponsors.

"It doesn't really look good," he said.

The committee is considering

charging fees for users of the CAP computers and trying to raise funds by introducing paid computer games at its sites.

"One dollar an hour would finance the whole thing and that's not really a big deal for anyone," said Longworth.

Two new CAP site applications have been made by Minden's Novel Ideas and Haliburton's Literacy Program, but those requests have been put on hold because there are not enough computers to go around.

"I'm not sure what the future's going to be," said Longworth. "Our mandate ends in October, and if nothing happens by then, that will be it for CAP."

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Union says board taking too long to work out new contract

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board is "dragging its feet" and being "unco-operative in all respects in this round of bargaining."

However, the board's chair, Cheryl Murdoch, contends the pace of contract talks is slow because of the many complicated issues facing the two sides.

Negotiators from the board and the teachers' union met with a Ministry of Labour conciliator on July 24.

The school board could have asked that a board of conciliation be appointed to put together a report, recommending how the two sides could resolve their differences. But instead, it requested the opposite.

Asking the conciliator to issue the so-called "no board report" essentially sets the clock ticking for the board to over-ride contracts at will and for teachers to initiate a legal strike.

"Our understanding is that a no board report will be issued in early August, allowing the board to make unilateral changes to the terms and conditions of the teachers' collective agreements prior to the beginning of the school year," said Carroll.

Murdoch wouldn't comment on whether board negotiators have asked for a no board report. She said the board is "proceeding along in a proper fashion," following negotiation procedures available to it.

The board and the high school teachers are on an extremely tight deadline — school is set to start in about one month — to accomplish a huge amount.

Unlike typical contract talks where the two sides discuss a number of conditions, the board and the teachers' union must come up with a completely new collective agreement.

Complicating matters, said Murdoch, teachers will see their daily preparation time cut in

half, under the provincial government's controversial Bill 160.

Murdoch said the board's negotiations are also limited by the amount of money it has been allotted by Queen's Park, which took over education funding in January.

"We've been given a certain amount of money from the government for salaries and that's all we can go with," she said.

But Carroll maintained the board's slow approach to nego-

tiations is the primary stumbling block.

"The main concern the union has at this point is that things are moving very, very slowly... There are some key issues on which management hasn't even put forth a position yet."

Murdoch agreed progress has been slow, but said "that's to be expected."

"I'm still of a mind that this can work out to a positive end."

Carroll also said the union is

hopeful contract talks will be successful during the four dates that have been set prior to the beginning of the school year.

"Right now the main focus is on working toward a settlement at the negotiations table, not on a strike," he said.

Because the union's upcoming strike vote is to be by anonymous ballot, it will be impossible to tell how teachers from each of the board's seven high schools voted.

School curriculum reforms to begin this September

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

The pressure is on for Trillium Lakelands School Board officials to implement major changes in district elementary schools.

Education and Training Minister Dave Johnson recently released details on the changes to French, arts, health and physical education curriculum that form part of the new Ontario Curriculum, an initiative to standardize core subjects in elementary schools.

Dale Robinson, the board's superintendent of curriculum and schools, said implementation of the new curriculum is moving slowly because government cutbacks have reduced the number of staff available to

help implement the changes.

And while the board is already implementing changes to science, math and language instruction introduced last year, Robinson said it will take longer than the ministry expects to complete.

"What is a real challenge for us is the pace of implementation. To have a major overhaul of all of the curriculum from kindergarten to Grade 8 in two or three years is a huge task for boards and schools to take on."

Changes to French, art, health and physical education instruction will begin in September and will start off slowly with minor reforms.

Students can expect to see new materials, new study topics and higher expectations.

Education Minister Dave

Johnson said the new curriculum is designed to be more comprehensive than the old Common Curriculum, which has not changed for 30 years.

The curriculum overhaul was introduced shortly after the results of the Third International Math and Sciences Study showed that Ontario's Grade 7 and 8 students were below average compared to those in other provinces.

Provincial Grade 3 math and language testing held last year indicated that performance inequalities existed between Ontario's school boards as well.

"It's difficult to do any kind of provincial assessment of student achievement unless they're studying the same curriculum," said Robinson.

He does not think, however,

that standardized curriculum will erase the inequalities between Ontario's schools.

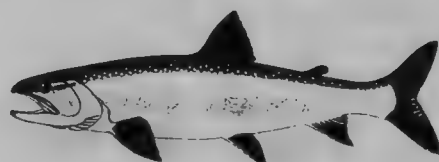
"Schools are not comparable on an equal basis. Certainly socio-economic status in the area plays a role in the results. Some kids might be working at a disadvantage. For a provincial assessment, the finish line is at the same place for the race, but the starting line might not be."

Robinson said that despite the tight schedule for reforms, the changes will be worth the effort.

"Most people in the teaching profession welcome the standardization and clearer expectations that are now before us. I think parents, too, wanted a clearer idea of what their son or daughter should be learning and what they were achieving in school."

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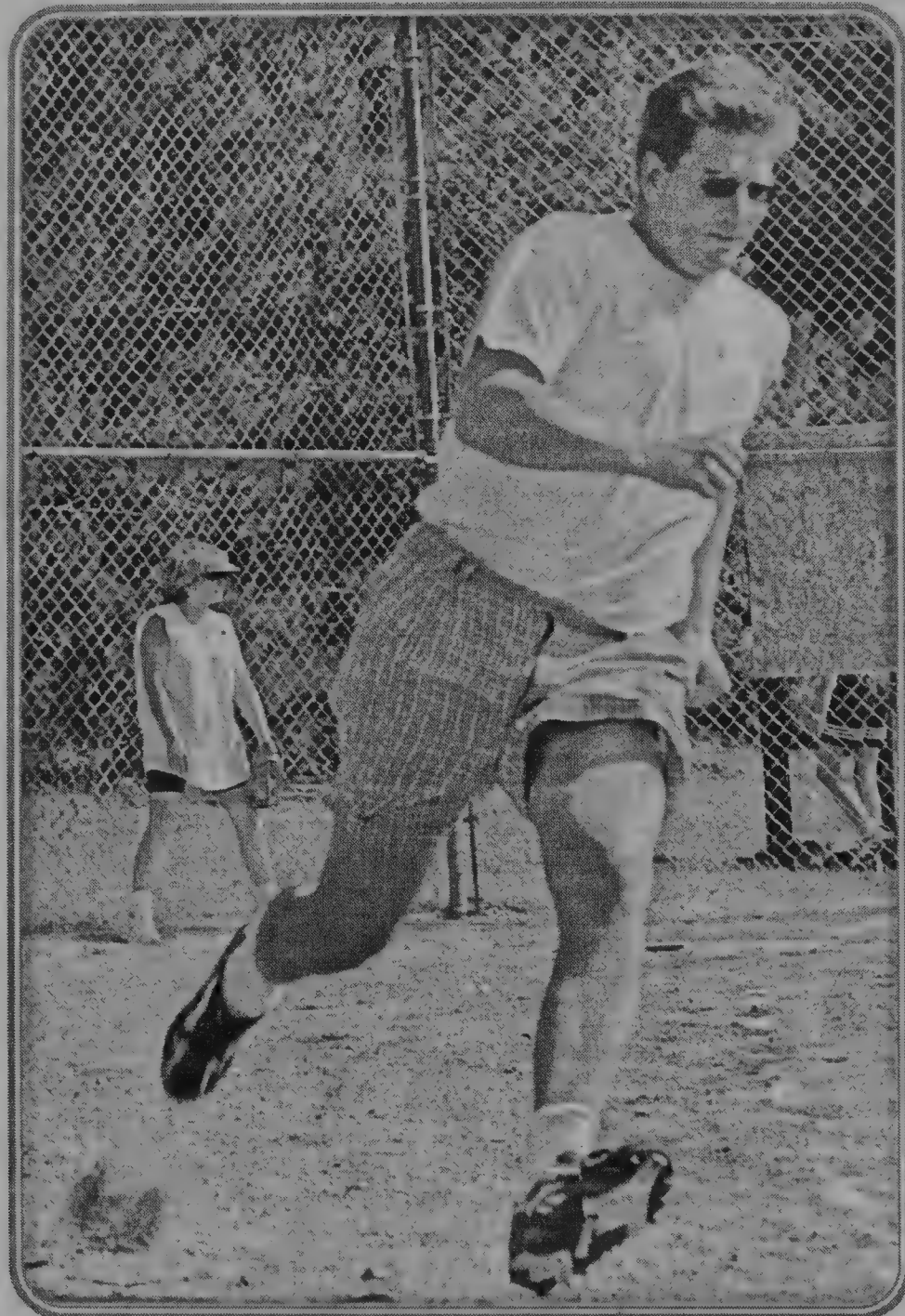
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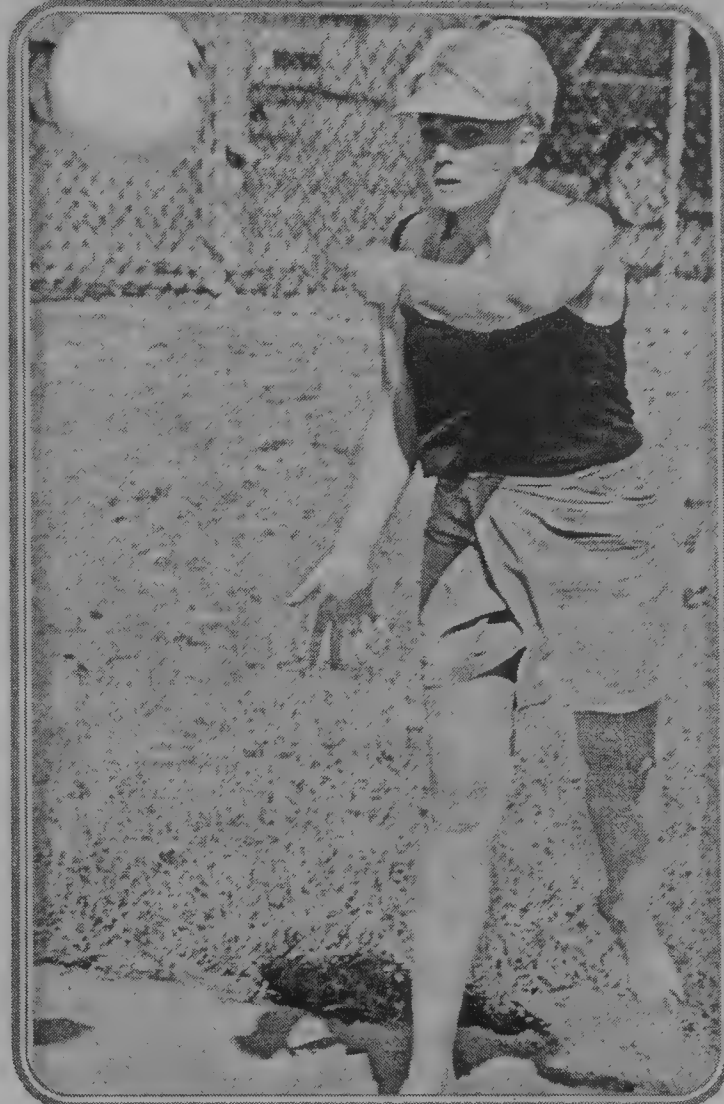


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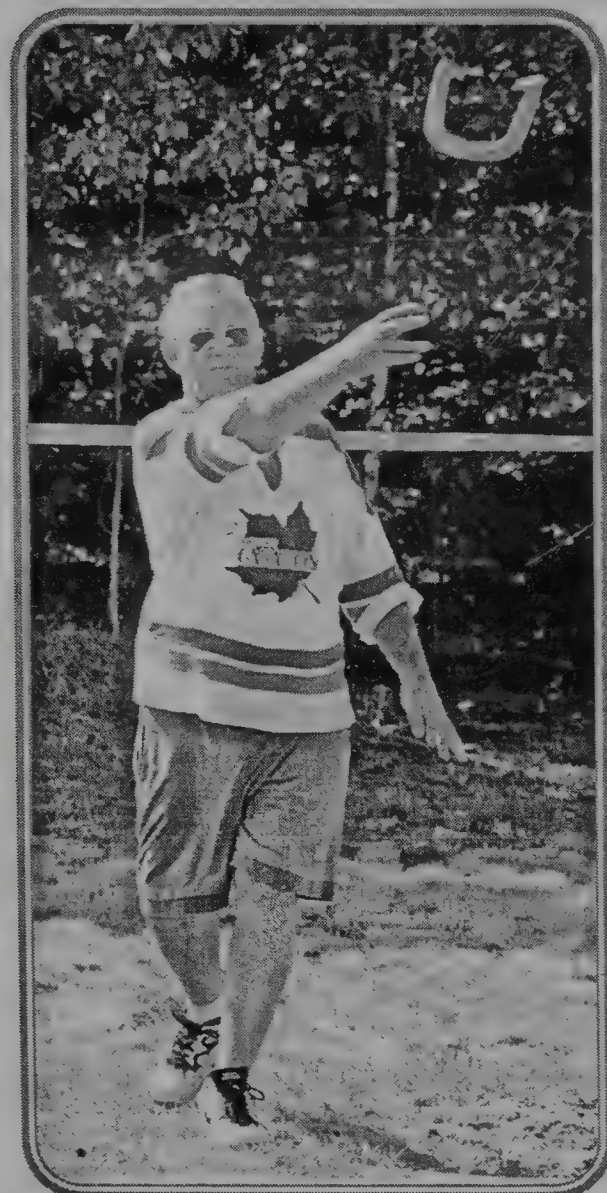


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SWING BATTER:

Sports fans are out in full swing at the fifth annual Stanhope Lakes slo-pitch tournament. With the addition of three new sports—beach volleyball, horseshoe throwing and tennis—the annual event, which raises funds for Stanhope's recreational programs, has recently been renamed Stanhope Lakes Sports Fest Day.



Hospital projects to cash in on government's casino proceeds

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

The Ontario Lottery Corporation is taking a gamble on the Highlands and it could pay off big for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

The provincial management board recently announced that it will be providing a share of its \$40-million consolidated revenue fund of lottery profits to charitable organizations in Haliburton County.

Of the approximately \$60,000 that will be received by the 10 municipalities in the county, more than \$32,000 has already been allocated to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation by two local councils.

Dysart Council has decided to donate its share of the advanced funding, almost \$20,000, to the hospital foundation.

Anson, Hinden and Minden will also be donating its full share, which adds up to almost \$13,000.

The two councils have challenged other municipalities to join in their generous gesture.

Jim Cronin, director of public relations for the Ontario Lottery Corporation, said the \$40-million fund was divided on a per capita basis among municipalities across the province.

Municipalities must compile lists of local charities eligible for the funding and send them to the corporation for approval. The money is then sent directly to the charities.

This is the first year the province has sponsored the advanced funding program.

Next year, \$100 million will be distributed to Ontario municipalities through the Trillium Foundation from the proceeds of charity casino projects.

Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey said this year's donation to the hospital foundation is in the best interests of all county charities.

"It looks like all the charitable organizations seem to have projects that are geared to the hospital anyway. That seems to be the priority, so it didn't make sense to try to spread it around. For sure you're going to miss somebody."



Wunerful, wunerful:

Lorrie Reddering conducts the Highlands Winds Symphony at a recent fundraising concert for the Haliburton Figure Skating Club at Head Lake Park. One of the fans enjoying the concert in the park was six-year-old Samantha Perry, whose aunt and uncle, Lori and Ted Brandon, were playing in the band (formerly the Haliburton County Concert Band.)



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Highlands' trails could lead to better economy

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County won't just be a place of art and nature once the Trails and Tours Network is done with it. It will be a place of adventure as well.

Coordinator Jan Warfield says the Trails and Tours Network has been making a lot of progress towards its goal of marketing the county as a nature trail destination for tourists as a way of boosting the local economy.

"What we want to see in the end is a well-developed trail system so we can proclaim ourselves to be the trails and tours heartland."

In order to reach that goal, however, Warfield said tourists need to know what the county has to offer.

That's why the network is working together with Chrismar Mapping Services to develop the Adventure Guide to Haliburton County, a guide that will map out points of interest to tourists, including the entry points to every walking trail in the Highlands.

"I think we have to concentrate on the fact that Haliburton County really does

have a lot to offer. We just have to get it organized and advertised," said Warfield.

The Trails and Tours Network is looking into distributing and selling the maps on behalf of the company to raise funds for the new trails it eventually plans to construct.

"I think it's a great potential for us to make money and also a great opportunity for Haliburton County to start advertising what it has to offer," said Warfield, who will look over the rough draft of the map this fall before it is printed.

The network is also working on developing a scenic biking route that can be published in a brochure and handed out to tourists.

To finance the network's projects, Warfield will be approaching several organizations that assist trail groups, including the Rural Job Strategy Fund and the Ecosystem Management Program, which she hopes will provide



TRAIL-BLAZER:

Trails and Tours coordinator Jan Warfield hopes her network can begin work on new walking paths like the new Minden Trail, pictured here, recently installed by Minden volunteers.

student researchers to conduct a survey about the issues surrounding the development of future trails.

The network is holding a public meeting Aug. 20 to organize a coalition of people who hike, bike, kayak and canoe in the county to discuss the prospects for

an expanded trail system.

It is also organizing a logo contest and a trail celebration day for the fall.

Warfield said the network is on the brink of seeing some results from its hard work. "I'm determined that things are going to happen," she said.

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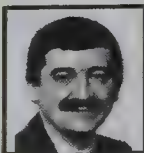
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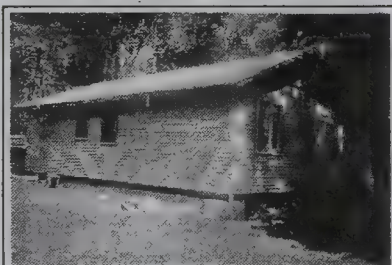


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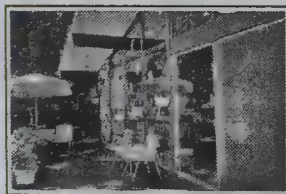
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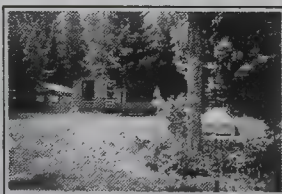


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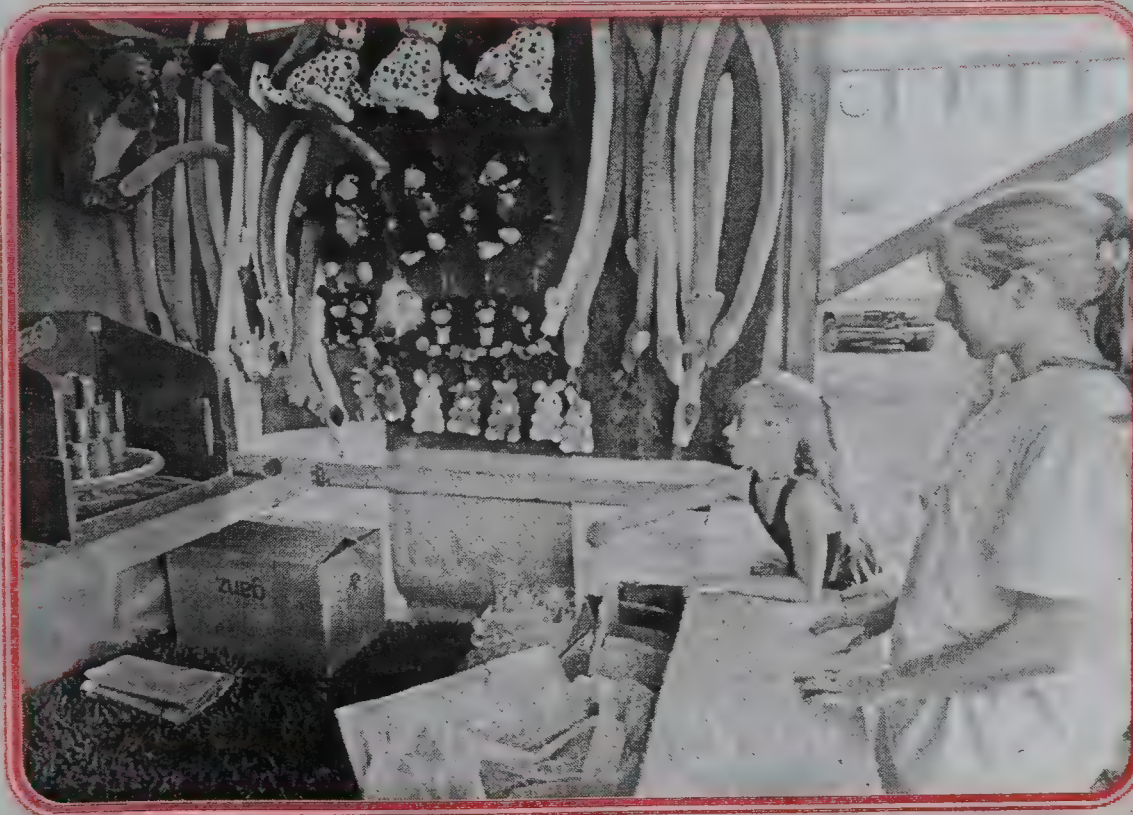
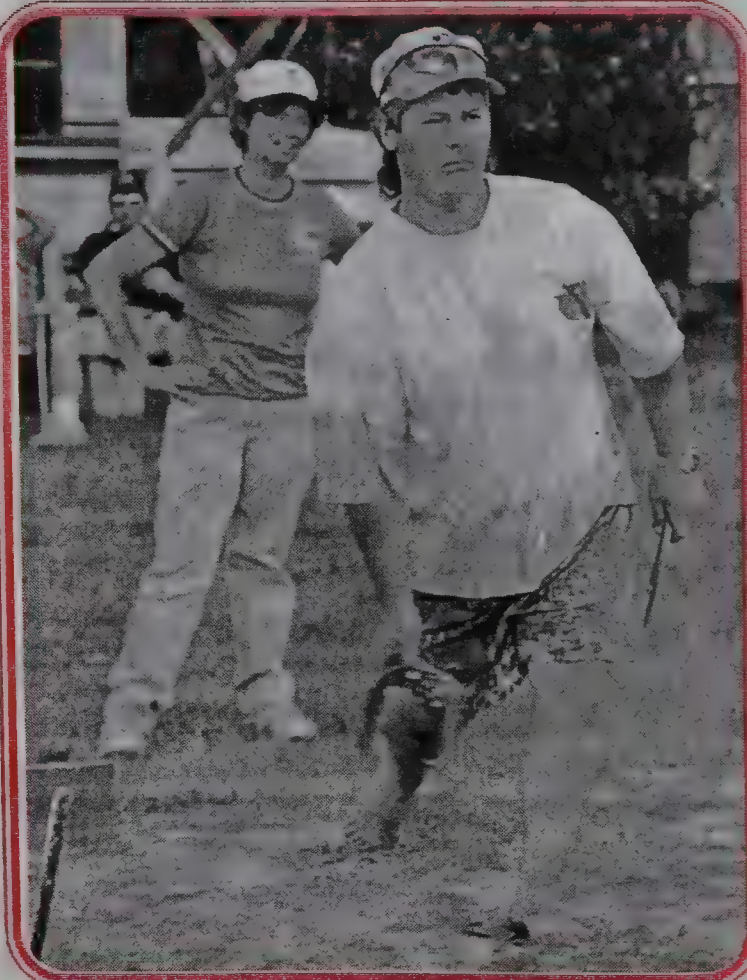
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FUN IN THE SUN:

There was lots of fun to be had at Horseshoe Days in Gooderham this weekend. Left: The Haliburton Highlands Twirlers entertained the crowds with their fancy stepping. Three-year-old Brittany Trimble was named Little Miss Gooderham for 1998 (see her jumping on page 17). Children's games included potato, wheel barrel and three-legged races, pin the horseshoe on the target, and throwing competitions. Adults competed in the talent show, baseball and horseshoe throwing competitions while kids enjoyed the midway rides.

The following are the results of the Gooderham Horseshoe Days 1998 horseshoe tournament:
 Double A Event: 1st - Dale Parnell, Jim Morrison; 2nd - Doug Robinson, Marnie Byrnes; 3rd - Ron Barr, Peter Ehrhardt.
 Double B Event: 1st - T. J. Johnson, Bob Shearer; 2nd - Darren Hall, Mike Walker; 3rd - Al Brown, Jean Roseboom.
 Double C Event: 1st - Greg Jeffrey, Richard Madill; 2nd - Rene Robichaud; 3rd - Kelly Mackey, Les Pangler.
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Thank you to the bands for a wonderful evening of music. If we missed anyone, we do thank you for your support.

The Haliburton County Echo

Waterfront property owners fret over new tax bills

■ Stanhope Council tells cottagers to expect a one per cent increase, but hopes numbers will be lower

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Saturday morning's meeting of the Kushog Lake Property Owners Association at the Stanhope Fire Hall, with about 60 people in attendance.

Although Stanhope's budget has not been finalized yet, people worried about how much their property tax bill will be should count on paying roughly 1% of their property's assessment, Reeve Eleanor Harrison and Councillor Jim Hicks said.

This would cover municipal costs, including the new responsibility for the OPP, county costs and education costs.

However, council also hopes the 1% estimate will be high.

With the introduction of Actual Value Assessment, 1,376 property owners will see their taxes rise because of the increased value of their property; 1,653 owners will see taxes go down. Most of the increases are for shoreline properties.

County council has decided not to phase in the increases because that would also mean having to phase in the decreases.

If people aren't happy with their assessments, Hicks encouraged them to spend the \$20 required for an appeal.

However, when considering whether an assessment is fair, he asked them to ask one basic question: Is the assessment reflective of the price you'd hope to get if you sold your cottage today. ("I'll sell my home before I sell my cottage," one woman responded.)

Phone tower

Bell Mobility's plan to install a signal tower behind The Fire House restaurant at Ox Narrows is on hold because of financial restraints, Goodger said. "For the moment, (the tower) won't be an eye-

sore, but you won't have better use of your cellular phone, either."

TSW

Association members who went to the recent one-day seminar about water levels as the result of drawdowns for the Trent Severn Waterways report that the TSW officials "didn't want to hear anyone's opinion, they just wanted to say how it will be done," says Goodger.

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Hydro bills

When Goodger mentioned she had problems with her recent Ontario Hydro bill, there was general laughter from the audience, indicating she was not alone. She received three bills in three weeks, all with different amounts.

As reported in last week's Echo, the confusion stems from Hydro's new computerized billing system, which was designed to help it avoid "the millennium bug" and provide customers with more billing options.

Since Goodger has pre-authorized Hydro to automatically withdraw her monthly rate of \$42, she was very concerned when her new bill said she owed \$147. One man responded that Hydro took \$190 out of his bank account and it was impossible to get through to Hydro through its toll-free customer service line.

One woman suggested going into the Minden Hydro office, where she said the staff were pleasant and helpful in trying to sort out the bill.

Water quality

Using two \$7 water quality testing kits, Goodger took samples of her tap water in Toronto and of her tap water at the cottage. The Toronto water, which she brings to the cottage rather than go to a

considered a toxic waste day for such things as paints and batteries, Harrison said it's much too expensive for an individual municipality, but that she will bring it up for discussion at county council.

Roads

Stanhope had been hoping to hard-top at least part of the Buckslides Road, but that project may have to be on hold for a year, Harrison said. Fixing the road properly would cost about \$100,000 and yet the municipality's entire annual roads budget is only \$300,000.

However, she acknowledged that "all we're doing now is costing ourselves thousands of dollars on band-aid solutions" to the road's problems. "Buckslides does need (surface treatment) badly."

Family picnic

Changes in the Frost Centre's policies now mean the association will have to pay for the use of the picnic area for its annual picnic and fun day on the August civic weekend. The Centre asked for \$2 a person, but the association is trying to change it to a \$200 flat rate. "I think it's outrageous we have to pay for a public building but I guess that's the way things are going now," Goodger said.

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Adam Johnson, 5, hopes for a bite at the Burnt Irondale Fisheries Enhancement Association's fishing derby in Gooderham. One hundred brown trout, three with tags for cash prizes, were released into a netted section of the river this weekend.

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Last Thursday the ladies from the Zion United Church were here for our weekly tea party and we wish to thank them for coming and spending time with us.

In the evening a few of us attended "quite time". This was

the last session with Donna and we wish to send a big thank you to her. Donna was kind enough to fill in for Barbara who has been away for some time on a course. We will miss you Donna and we hope you can drop in and visit with us. We look forward to spending lots of "quiet time" with Barbara once more. It will be good to have her back with us.

Friday was our Hawaiian Fun Day. A special lunch was served that was just scrumptious; and in the afternoon - more treats, Hawaiian style.

Our happy hour we enjoyed lots of fresh fruits, such as mangoes, limes, pineapple and much more. We can't remember them all. All this was accompanied by Hawaiian music playing in the background.

All we needed to make this picture complete was swaying palm trees, sandy beach, warm sunshine, and, of course, some beautiful Hawaiian dancers. Well, we can dream, can't we? Anyway, thanks to everyone who worked hard to make this day special. We appreciate your efforts. We had lots of fun.

Winnie Barnum especially enjoyed her Hawaiian Fun Day as she was able to share it with some special visitors. Her niece from Peterborough, her great niece and great great niece from Virginia were all here to spend some time with her, so it was a special day for Winnie.

Once again our weekend here was very busy with many visitors coming and going.

Several of the residents enjoyed a visit with Phyllis (Windsor) Epp. Phyllis was a former resident of Carnarvon where she lived for many years. It was certainly good to see her once more and catch up on the news.

Alice Prentice attended the Paul reunion in Lindsay with other relatives and Winnie Barnum had more visitors. Her son Terry and his wife, Norma, were here and spent most of the day with her.

It is so good to see so many visitors here. We get lonely and it is great to see you drop in and say hello to us. Thank you to all the visitors. Please come again and often.

On Monday (27th), it was time for the "Diners Club" to meet and get together to discuss our favourite topic, food. We discussed our likes, our dislikes, our views on certain foods and any concerns we had regarding our meals.

Linda had a number of products for us to sample and we proceeded to plan our menu for August. It is good to be involved in the choosing of our meals.

Our patio area is looking just great thanks to certain residents who have been helped out by Mother Nature with her warm sun and finally some much needed rain.

The veggies and flower gardens are thriving, so next time you are visiting, take some time and visit our west-side gardens and see for yourself.

Tickets are now available for our quilt draw. This quilt has been hand-made, is queen-size, and you have to see it to appreciate it. It is on display in the glass case to your left as you enter our home.

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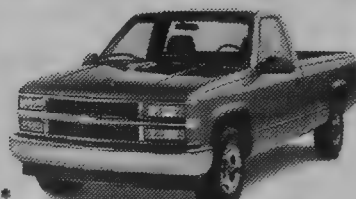
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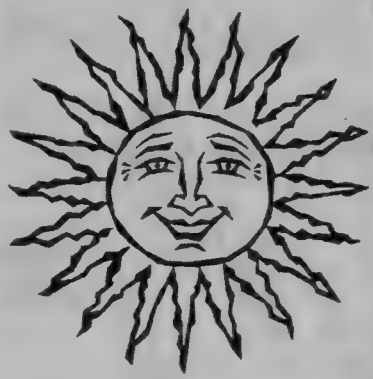
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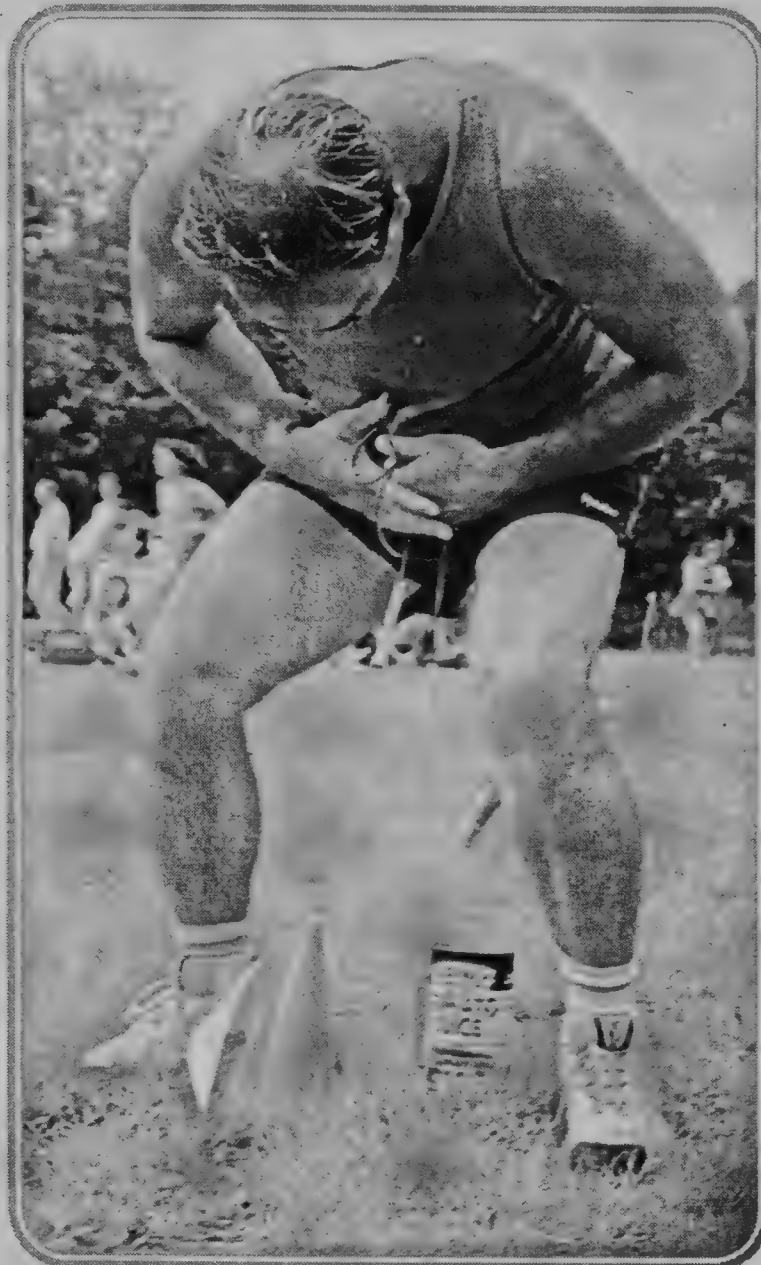
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The Ingoldsby Park was alive with the sound of laughter on Saturday afternoon when the Canning Lake Property Owners' Association held its popular Fun Day. Clockwise from top left: Bobby Curtola kisses Jenn Wright, whose grandparents, the Rigneys, had organized the concert with Canada's former teenage heart-throb later that night in Minden; Dominic Haake plays hide and seek behind a pair of sunglasses; Crystal and Jenna Bifoni enjoy the bbq; the three-legged race was a test of co-ordination; finding a shoe could be a challenge; the Mitchell/Howatt team celebrates a victory; the Gravel Pit Road team was once again the over-all champion; and one of the 77 adults who participated in the games demonstrates that even grown ups can look silly, especially if they try to put a carrot tied behind their back into a juice can. **Photos by Martha Perkins**



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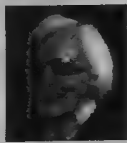
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The Glamor Lake Cottagers' Association held its annual general meeting at the Glamorgan Community Centre on July 11.

A good turnout of cottagers met before the meeting for "Meet Your Neighbour" and refreshments.

The speakers, who were very informative, included:

- Stuart Taylor, Glamorgan Fire Chief, spoke about the need for an additional Port-A-Tank to assist in fires; how it is important to keep our cottage roads wide enough and clear of brush so that fire trucks are able to maneuver without damaging the equipment mounted on the sides of the trucks; and when we are allowed to burn.

Taylor was presented with a cheque for \$200 to help them purchase a new Port-A-Tank. One was set up outside by Taylor and Jeff MacDuff, Deputy Fire Chief, for everyone to see where our money will go.

- Anthony vanLieshout, President of Haliburton Appraisal Services, spoke about the new Actual Value Assessment and how it might affect our properties.

- Dave Flowers, Fisheries Extension Biologist with Ministry of Natural Resources spoke about fish in Glamor Lake; the spawning beds that were rebuilt last summer with the help of

many volunteers; and the fishery potential of the lake.

- Bill McAfee, a director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and one of our own directors, gave us a rundown on the fundraising plans in progress for our hospitals as well as an update on the progress of construction.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate an additional \$200, making our total donation to date \$400.

The meeting continued with a discussion about lot identification and the

plans for the interim signs. Seventy-eight percent of the properties around the lake have purchased the ID signs. The signs have already proven to be advantageous for our emergency vehicles.

Lake water quality remains basically unchanged from previous years. Testing will continue again this year.

A question was asked re: an item in the Echo concerning Glamorgan Township dams. Having checked with TSW, we were able to confirm that the north and south dams on the lake are not involved in any give-away.

community

events calendar

things to do in the Haliburton Highlands

Tuesdays *Children's Story Hour* at 3 p.m. at the Haliburton Library, until the end of August.

August 4 *Haliburton School of Fine Arts lecture series*, 7:15 p.m., J. D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, Allan Foster - Nature Through Legend, Story and Art.

August 6 *Linedancing*, 9:45 a.m. (every Thursday) at Home Support. For further information call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

August 6 *Art Auction*. Work of teachers at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts, 7:30 p.m., PineStone Ball Room. Preview 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

August 7 & 8 *15th Annual Monmouth Agricultural Society Fair* in Wilberforce. Friday, August 7 starting at 12 noon, domestic science exhibits; Saturday, August 8, gates open at 8 a.m. for all other events.

August 8 *Bowlathon in Support of HHHS*, at Carnarvon Lanes in Carnarvon, at Hwy. 35 & 118. Further info, Ross or Betty Henderson at 489-3351.

August 15 *Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists Annual Meeting* at Snowdon Park. Pot Luck Lunch at noon followed by a business meeting at 1:30 p.m., then a self-guided tour. Bring your own chairs, utensils, etc. Beverages will be provided by the club. For info call Harold or Hannel at 286-6060.

August 16 *Victoria-Haliburton Federal Progressive Conservative Association 'Family Fun Day and Beef B.B.Q.'* 3 p.m. onward, Kinmount Fairgrounds. Musical entertainment. A variety of children's activities. Tickets available at the event.

August 17 *Contract Bridge*, 1 p.m. (every Monday) at Home Support. For further information call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

August 17 & 18 *BOOM sailing program for children*, Drag Lake. Call 457-3773 for information.

August 26 *R & R Jr. Golf Tournament*, \$7 registration payable in advance. Deadline August 14. Green fees payable day of tournament. Call 457-4072 to register or for more info.

August 27 *Duplicate Bridge*, 1 p.m. (every Thursday) at Home Support. For further information call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

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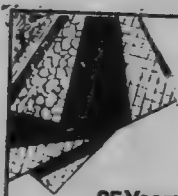
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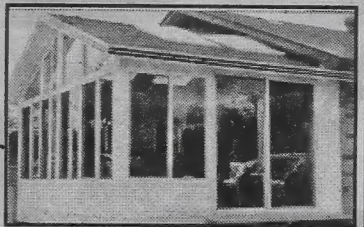
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Group celebrates service of 100 Sunday suppers

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

The one-hundredth Sunday Supper Club dinner at the West Guilford Centre will be served on August 9.

Anyone who has ever attended is invited. People are urged to call before August 4 so that the cooks will know how many they will be service: 457-2222 or 754-2516.

You may have noticed how beautiful the grounds are, particularly at the front of the Centre with such colourful and abundant flowers.

The gardening there and at the 'wel-

come' sign to the village are provided by Bill and Myra Marshall and we thank them for their efforts to make the place so lovely.

If you wish to send Kim Drumheller a card of encouragement, she is being moved to Lyndhurst Rehabilitation Centre, 520 Sutherland Drive, Toronto, Ontario, M4G 3V9.

A word regarding the Hospice Companion program: this group consist of people who are trained to visit those with terminal illness. They offer support not only to the person involved, but also to the family members who also need moral support and a confidential ear to lessen the stress.

Having been involved in the program myself, I can heartily recommend this voluntary work as a most rewarding experience. Call 457-1742 to apply or to ask for details.

Congratulations to Alvin and Marge Cowen on the birth of their first grand-

child, Caitlyn Rebecca, a daughter for Perry and Diane Peacock of Lochlin.

Trails and Tours network offering prizes for designers of its new logo

The Trails and Tours Network needs a logo to use on brochures, letterhead, maps and signage! The logo must capture all the elements that make Haliburton County a unique and beautiful trails and tours destination.

The contest will begin on Monday, August 3rd and end on Monday, September 28th, 1998. Entries may be dropped off at the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Prizes have been donated by PineStone Resort Golf Club, Hart Lodge, Galway Meadows Riding Ranch and Under Cover Books. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners.

First place: golf for four at the PineStone Resort Golf Club and lunch for four at the Gallery Restaurant.

Second place: dinner for two at Hart Lodge and a trail ride for two at Galway Meadows Riding Ranch (adjacent to Hart Lodge).

Third place: Water Ways: Exploring Haliburton by Canoe, written by Susan Wilson.

For more information about the contest, or to learn more about the goals and objectives of the Trails and Tours network please pick up an information sheet at the Haliburton County Development Corporation, or call (705) 286-2410.

Request for Public Comments on Proposed Submissions for Long-Term Care Facility Beds.

Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Counties
200 Beds Project LTC98005

On April 29, 1998, the Ontario government announced a \$1.2 billion expansion of Ontario's long-term care system. As a result of this initiative, proposals to develop new long-term care facility beds in Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Counties were requested.

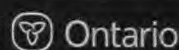
The next phase of the process involves inviting the public to comment on the applicants who have bid for the beds. If you or your group wish to comment on one or more of the applicants, this may be done at a public meeting or through a written submission. You must pre-register 48 hours prior to the meeting. Details regarding this meeting and/or mailing address for written submissions can be found below.

For more information on this initiative and/or to receive a list of the applicants bidding for these beds, please call the number listed below.

Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Counties Public Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 1998
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Admiral Inn & Conference Centre
Highway #35 & #7, Lindsay

Call 1-888-668-4636 or fax (416) 327-4486 to pre-register and to receive a list of applicants. Written submissions may be handed in at the public meeting or sent to:

Ministry of Health
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August 30th	A Time to Live Purposefully
September 6th	A Time to Stretch our Faith
September 13th	A Time to Sacrifice for Our God
September 20th	A Time to Live out our Faith Through Hope and Love
September 27th	A Time to Build a Life of Service
October 4th	A Time to Commit Ourselves for the Future
October 11th	A Time to Give Thanks to God

Our service times are at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A Nursery Program for those birth to 3 is available over both service times and a Junior Church Program is available for those 4 - 10 during the first service only.

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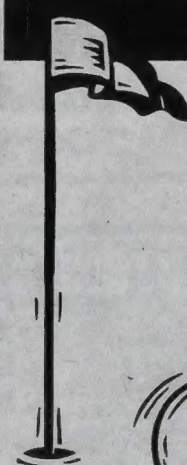
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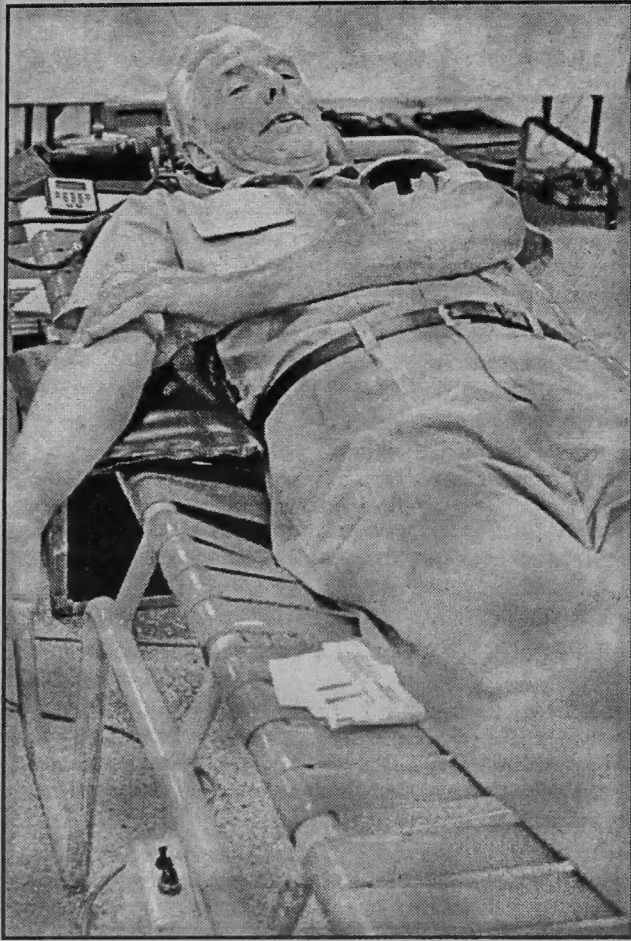
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Robert Perrott of Tory Hill donates blood at the Haliburton Legion. There were 161 people at Tuesday's clinic, which brought in 137 units of blood to the Canadian Red Cross Society, short of its 190-unit goal. The Red Cross will hold its next county blood clinic Sept. 29 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Norland woman will be remembered for her faith and positive outlook, even in the face of adversity

Rotha Bernice Bryant was born in Fenelon Falls on January 4, 1913, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Johnston.

Raised and educated in Fenelon Falls, Rotha was a member of the Fenelon Falls United Church. She began her high school education at Fenelon Falls and completed it at Lindsay Collegiate, then went on to Peterborough Normal School. She taught school for eight years, often up to ten grades in one room, before marrying Roy Bryant of Norland. After her marriage, she taught one more year at Moore Falls.

The Bryants operated a service station in Norland, first for Shell Oil, then, in 1953, for Texaco. Rotha also had a snack bar for a short while. While Roy was away working at his other career as a carpenter, Rotha manned the gas pumps and raised three children. She always had time to play the organ in the Norland United Church, help out with school concerts, provide entertainment for various groups and help all the organizations in the community raise money for their many projects.

Roy and Rotha both belonged to the Orange Lodge in Kinmount. Rotha later transferred her member-

ship to the Coboconk LOBA.

In the early 1950s, Roy and Rotha joined the Order of the Eastern Star in Beaverton where Rotha was still a member until her death, having served as Worthy Matron, District Deputy and Grand Representative to the State of Washington.

As well, during that same time period, she was instrumental in the founding of the Norland Horticultural Society where she was secretary-treasurer for over 40 years. She and Roy spearheaded the movement to create the beautiful little park along the riverbank in the village. She was treasurer of the Norland United Church Women since 1953.

Rotha was secretary-treasurer of the Laxton Digby Longford School Board for several years until the board was amalgamated with all others in the county to become the Victoria County Board of Education.

In 1961, Rotha became the postmaster for the village, a position she was to hold for 20 years. During her tenure, the office was upgraded five times to the point where the village could have its own post office building. She retired from her position when the new office was erected in 1981.

Rotha's life was not without adversity. Her daughter, Faye, lost a battle with cancer in 1989 and Roy passed away in 1991 after an illness of over three years. However, her faith and positive outlook enabled her to carry on and enjoy life to its fullest. She spent the last six years attending Pioneer Baptist Church in Norland, most often in the company of her dear friend, Bill Wunker of Norland.

Rotha leaves to mourn her passing on May 6, 1998, a daughter, Ruth Anne Matthews of R. R. 2, Cameron, and a son, Ross Bryant, of R. R. 3, Minden. She is also survived by sons-in-law Arnott Matthews and Max Greer, grandchildren Jennifer Jackson and Jeffrey Greer and a sister, Myra Oates. She was predeceased by sisters Wilma Swain, Elva Johnston and Aula Hopkins and brother Carl Johnston. Her funeral service was held at Pioneer Baptist Church in Norland on May 9, 1998 with interment at Pine Grove Cemetery in Norland. Pall bearers were Jeff Greer, Garth Oates, Vernon LeCraw, John LeCraw, Don Noble and Don Wunker.

Rotha will always be remembered with love and respect by all who knew her. May she rest in peace.

NOTICES • NOTICES

TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board is looking for someone with a vehicle with wheelchair access and the appropriate insurance coverage, to provide transportation for one student attending Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

Anyone interested can contact either Susan Kirkpatrick or Jim Bradley in the Haliburton Office at 457-1980 for more information.



Municipality of Dysart et al NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Part of Lot 3, in Concession V, on Kashagawigamog Lake, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposed to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, August 10th, 1998, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance in front of Part Lot 3, in Concession V, on Kashagawigamog Lake, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., and dated December 31st, 1997, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 12th day of June, 1998.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator



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THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

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Donna L. McCallum
Clerk - Administrator

Northern Ontario to separate?

■ Cobalt councillor's idea makes Haliburton County question its loyalty to Ontario

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

There's North Dakota and South Dakota, so why not Northern Ontario and Southern Ontario?

But if the present province of Ontario was to be split in two, would Haliburton County want to be in northern Southern Ontario or southern Northern Ontario?

"The boundary is negotiable," says Gino Chitaroni, a councillor from the Northern Ontario mining town of Cobalt, which is spearheading a movement to see if a separate northern province is a feasible way of addressing the north's feeling of alienation and lack of political clout.

Cobalt council has drafted a motion to ask for support from northern neighbours for its proposal to get the province to look at the idea of an independent northern province.

It's an idea that's been around for about 70 years, says Chitaroni, pointing to Cobalt's own historic battles with Queen's Park.

Cobalt was once a boom mining town, but "the royalties went (to the province). This town has been raped, and virtually every mining and forestry town has had the same thing happen to it."

Nowadays, "we see a lot of our tax dollars go to Queen's Park and we get peanuts back."

The amalgamation of school boards and the creation of larger provincial ridings make it a lot worse.

Cobalt's MP is responsible for an area that stretches from James Bay to Sturgeon Falls and has the same budget for constituency work as someone from downtown Toronto.

"We're three-quarters of the province and yet we have 12 MPPs. It doesn't seem fair. I'm a Liberal by political stripe but it doesn't matter which party is in power, we get nailed. Our representation is so narrow..."

"We have fewer services and less say. It's always been a made-in-Toronto solution to our problems."

And problems there are, he says.

"The mining sector is in disarray, forestry's in trouble, and the Lands for Life (consultation process) is the straw that broke the camel's back," he says of the motivations behind his push for the northern province.

He also notes that Thunder Bay has mentioned the possibilities of joining Manitoba, since the east/west links are much stronger to those with Toronto.

With 800,000 to one million residents in Northern Ontario, Chitaroni says the area has the population to support a separate province.

The new province of Northern Ontario would be the fourth most populated in Canada, he says. "You could put two PEIs into metro Sudbury," he says.

Recognizing the challenges

inherent with forming a new province, Chitaroni says that at least a proper feasibility study would take a comprehensive look at the problems facing Northern Ontario.

"You could do a whale of one for several million dollars," he

says, pointing to the much higher cost of George Erasmus's royal commission on aboriginal Canadian.

Although the province has studied various facets of northern life, there is no one, overall study of the economic and cul-

tural problems the residents face.

So far, the Cobalt council motion has had support from Coleman, Kirkland Lake and, he believes, Englehart.

The motion has been forwarded to the 26-member

Temiskaming Municipal Association, and he believes response will be favourable from a majority of municipalities.

"We want to create momentum but do it by consensus," he says.

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